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FOR: DISPLAY DEVICE MOUNTABLE IN A VEHICLE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the July 6, 2011 Office Action and November 2, 2011 Advisory Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response was due on October 6, 2011. Accordingly, please also treat this paper as a Petition for Extension of Time, extending the response period for one month from October 6 to November 6, 2011.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A video display device, comprising:

~~a body-portion~~housing including a front wall, a back wall, a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, wherein the front and back walls are connected to each other by the top bottom, left and right sides, and wherein the top, bottom, left and right sides extend directly from respective top, bottom, left and right edges of the back wall;

a screen positioned on the ~~body-portion~~housing; and

at least one strap connected to the ~~body-portion~~housing for mounting the video display device to a visor of a vehicle, wherein the at least one strap passes through a groove being formed by a ~~the~~ front wall and a ~~the~~ back wall of the video display devicehousing, wherein the front wall includes the screen, wherein top and bottom sides of the video display device connect the front and back walls to each other, and the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap therethrough, and wherein a portion of the at least one strap between opposing ends of the strap is located in an interior portion of the video display device in the groove between the front and back walls and the opposing ends of the at least one strap extend out of the groove through the respective holes formed in the top and bottom sides of the video display device to an exterior portion of the video display device.

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2. – 5. (canceled)

6. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one strap is secured to a wall of the video display device.

7. – 9. (canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the opposing ends are capable of being fastened together to form a closed loop.

11. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein a length of the at least one strap is adjustable.

12. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the video display device is one of a liquid crystal display device, an organic electroluminescent display device, a cathode-ray tube device and a gas plasma device.

13. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a navigation system, wherein the video display device displays navigation information from the navigation system on the screen.

14. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the video display device is coupled to a navigation system and displays navigation information from the navigation system on the screen.

15. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the video display device is coupled to a media player for displaying a video program from the media player.

16. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 15, wherein the video display device displays the video program only when the vehicle is stationary.

17. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 15, wherein the video display device displays the video program only when a parking brake of the vehicle is engaged.

18. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 15, further comprising a device port, wherein the media player is coupled to the video display device through the device port.

19. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 15, wherein the media player is one of a portable media player or a media player mounted in the vehicle.

20. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a device port, wherein a navigation device is coupled to the video display device through the device port.

21. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 1, further comprising a connector for connecting the video display device to a wiring harness of the vehicle.

22. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 21, wherein the video display device is coupled to at least one of a vehicle navigation system, a vehicle media player, a vehicle power supply and a parking brake indicator signal via the connector and the wiring harness.

23. (Currently Amended) A video display device, comprising:

a housing including a front wall, a back wall, a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, wherein the front and back walls are connected to each other by the top bottom, left and right sides, and wherein the top, bottom, left and right sides extend directly from respective top, bottom, left and right edges of the back wall;

a screen on the housing, wherein:

the video display device is capable displaying vehicle navigation information and a video entertainment program on the screen; and

the video display device is mounted to a visor in a vehicle using at least one strap passing through a groove being formed by ~~a~~the front wall and a back wall of the ~~video display device~~housing, wherein the front wall includes the screen, wherein ~~top and bottom sides of the video display device connect the front and back walls to each other,~~ and the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap therethrough, and wherein a portion of the at least one strap between opposing ends of the strap is located in an interior portion of the video display device in the groove between the front and back walls and the opposing ends of the at least one strap extend out of the groove through the respective holes formed in the top and bottom sides of the video display device to an exterior portion of the video display device.

24. (previously presented) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the at least one strap fits around the visor.

25. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the video display device is one of a liquid crystal display device, an organic electro-luminescent display device, a cathode-ray tube device and a gas plasma device.

26. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the

video display device displays the video entertainment program only when the vehicle is stationary.

27. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the video display device displays the video entertainment program only when a parking brake of the vehicle is engaged.

28. (original) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the video display device receives at least one of the vehicle navigation information and the video entertainment program from at least one external device electrically connected to the video display device.

29. – 57. (canceled)

58. (Previously Presented) The video display device as recited in claim 1, wherein the groove includes as its border at least one edge extending perpendicular to and connected between the front and back walls.

59. (Previously Presented) The video display device as recited in claim 23, wherein the groove includes as its border at least one edge extending perpendicular to and connected between the front and back walls.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6, 10-28, 32-41, 45-55 and 58-59 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 23 have been amended, and claims 32-41 and 45-55 have been canceled without prejudice.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claims 1-3, 6, 10-28 and 58-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0003571 ("Schofield") in view of WO 02/073964 ("Wong"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,097,448 ("Perkins"); and (2) claims 32-41 and 45-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schofield in view of Wong, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0094588 ("Klein").

Claims 1 and 23

Claims 1 and 23 recite, *inter alia*, a video display device mounted to/for mounting to a visor that includes a housing including a front wall, a back wall, a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, wherein the front and back walls are connected to each other by the top bottom, left and right sides, and wherein the top, bottom, left and right sides extend directly from respective top, bottom, left and right edges of the back wall, at least one strap that passes through a groove formed by the front wall and the back wall of the housing, wherein the front wall includes the screen, wherein the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap therethrough, and wherein a portion of the at least one strap between opposing ends of the strap is located in an interior portion of the

video display device in the groove between the front and back walls and the opposing ends of the at least one strap extend out of the groove through the respective holes formed in the top and bottom sides of the video display device to an exterior portion of the video display device.

Referring, for example, to Figs. 1 and 3C of Applicant's disclosure, a housing includes a front wall 11, a back wall 12, a top side, a bottom side, a left side and a right side, wherein the front and back walls are connected to each other by the top bottom, left and right sides, and wherein the top, bottom, left and right sides extend directly from respective top, bottom, left and right edges of the back wall, the front wall 11 includes the screen 40 of the video display device 10, and a portion of the at least one strap 15 between opposing ends of the strap 15 is located in an interior portion of the video display device 10 in the groove 17 between the front and back walls 11, 12 and the opposing ends of the at least one strap extend out of the groove 17 through the respective holes formed in the top and bottom sides of the video display device to an exterior portion of the video display device.

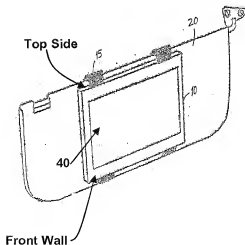


Fig. 1

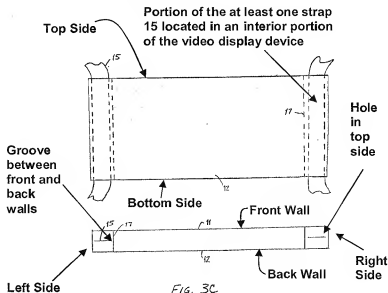
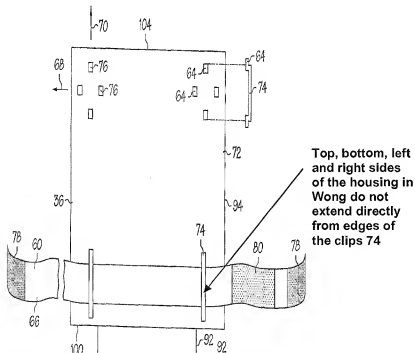


Fig. 3C

In the November 2, 2011 Advisory Action, the Examiner maintains that "the clips of Wong are a part of the claimed video display device and therefore the clips could be considered to be claimed groove."

In an effort to clarify, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 23 to further define the groove as being formed by the front and back walls, wherein the front wall, the back wall, and top, bottom, left side and right sides form a housing of the device, and wherein the front and back walls are connected to each other by the top bottom, left and right sides, and the top, bottom, left and right sides extend directly from respective top, bottom, left and right edges of the back wall.

In contrast, the top, bottom, left and right sides of the housing in Wong do not extend directly from edges of the clips 74.



Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 23 are patentable over Schofield, when taken alone, or in combination with Wong and/or Perkins.

In addition, for at least the reason that claims 6, 10-22 and 58 depend from claim 1, and claims 24-28 and 59 depend from claim 23, claims 6, 10-22, 24-28 and 58-59 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

Claim 32

Claims 32-41 and 45-55 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 32-41 and 45-55.

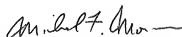
As such, in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-3, 6, 9-28, 32-41 and 45-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

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